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SUBJECT: REPORT OF ALLEGED US EMISSARY TO LATIN AMERICA

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1. WASHINGTON POST AND NEW YORK TIMES CALLED DEPARTMENT JANUARY 24 TO CHECK AUTHENTICITY OF REPORT FROM BRAZIL THAT USG HAD SENT AN EMISSARY TO SECURE GOB SUPPORT FOR MILITARY ACTION AGAINST A PETROLEUM PRODUCING COUNTRY. DEPARTMENT DENIED REPORT CATEGORICALLY.

2. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL DEPARTMENT CHECKED WITH FBIS WHICH COULD FIND NO REPORT BY VATICAN RADIO CONCERNING ALLEGED EMISSARY.

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3. OF POSSIBLE RELEVANCE, HOWEVER, IS FBIS REPORT OF A

BROADLY ANTI-US ARTICLE FROM EL TIEMPO (BOGOTA) OF JANUARY 26 ENTITLED "LAW WITH A BIG STICK AND A DOUBLE STANDARD" WHICH ALTHOUGH CONCENTRATING ON TRA, REFERS TO US THREAT OF MILITARY INTERVENTION IN MIDDLE EAST AND IMPLIES THAT ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF AMBASSADOR MAILLARD'S VISIT TO SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IS TO CONVINCE LATIN AMERICA TO ALIGN ITSELF WITH US "IN THE CRUSADE TO SAVE CHRISTIAN WESTERN CIVILIZATION FROM AN ECONOMIC DEBACLE."

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENT ON JOURNAL DO BRASIL STORY TO EFFECT CARDINAL ARNS HAD CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD A MEETING WITH A HIGH AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCE WHO WAS SEEKING SUPPORT FOR US ACTION. KISSINGER

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